(b) if so, whether such assessment are a part of Federal Aviation Administration's routine exercise to ensure that India complies to strengthen its regulatory mechanism and ensure flight safety in accordance with the manifold air traffic growth in recent years; and

(c) whether the proposed assessment at a time when DGCA's score on infrastructure and manpower is low will push India from the present level 1 to the lower third world levels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) DGCA has received communication from USA's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regarding India's Aviation Safety Oversight System under the International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) programme of FAA. International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) had conducted the audit of India in October 2006 wherein they observed shortage of manpower, which affects its performance. DGCA has started preparing for the reassessment with the available resources and has also initiated interim short term, medium term and long term steps to overcome the shortage of manpower by hiring/appointing experts on secondment to augment the strength of DGCA.

(c) Presently, India is in Category I. However, various short term and long term measures have been initiated to strengthen DGCA to avoid any downgrading in FAA reassessment. A plan outlay of Rs. 2.00 crore has been estimated during the year 2009-10 for the National Projects of ICAO.

Governments' position on bailing out Satyam Computers

740. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Minister of Commerce and Industry has made a statement that the Centre may provide financial support to Satyam to help it come out of its crisis;

(b) if so, why should the taxpayers' money be used to bail out a company which is in crisis because its chairman committed deliberate fraud over years; and

(c) whether Government is hesitant to confiscate the properties of Satyam Computer and maytas?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) The Company Satyam Computer Services Ltd. is working for and mobilizing financial resources to meet its requirements under the guidance and supervisions of the new Directors appointed by the Government on the Board of the company, at its own strength, and there is no proposal to provide a financial bail out to the Company.

(c) The Government is taking action as appropriate and necessary under the law as warranted.

Steps to prevent corporate fraud

741. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state: